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NOTE FOR: DDI

Bob:

I enjoy pieces like the attached--it gives an insight into the evolving policies of Andropov. The contents of this should be definitely factored into your discussion with Secretary Shultz on Andropov, etc.

I have a question which centers on the comment that there is little alteration of the priorities established under Brezhnev. The next sentence notes that the agriculture issues dominate but you may recall in the

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possible that Andropov has shifted gears and is deciding to take on the home front, i.e., read food, as number one.

Suggestion would be in keeping with his first speech, as you may recall, to all the military heroes when he spoke of defense being number one but then indicating that all their needs were being filled. Maybe he was saying your getting all you're going to get and other things have to be considered.

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